

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
JULY 12, 2005

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 12th day of July, 2005 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the June 13th meeting and are there any additions, changes or deletions. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived and that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked for a motion to approve the payment of current bills. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to pay all the current bills, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Roger Heckler Director of the White County Ambulance Service stated that he had submitted his report in writing to the Ambulance Committee and to the full Board.

Chairman Wooten stated that Sheriff Maier was on vacation and had submitted a written report to the Board. Chairman Wooten stated that the City/County Jail was currently housing 105 inmates. The jail expense for last month was \$70,129.97 and the income was \$50,416.00 with an additional \$154,768.65 billed to other counties and the federal government for prisoner keep.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board meeting would be held on July 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Chairman Wooten stated that the Budget Committee had met prior to this evening meeting. Mr. Wooten explained that the cash was down a little from the prior month. All the officials are within their budgets. Chairman Wooten stated that each member should have received a copy of the 2004 audit. He stated that the general fund for 2004 had \$5,000.00 revenue over expenditures and that Botsch and Associates would be at the August board meeting to discuss the audit in more detail. Chairman Wooten stated he would like to thank the elected and appointed officials for being so diligent with their budgets. Chairman Wooten explained that the financial picture for White County was still not great, but he also did not believe that it was time to hit the panic button.

Chairman Wooten introduced Don Duvall a member of White County Farm Bureau. Mr. Duvall did not address the Board he was there simply to observe the meeting.

Mr. Bryan Carnithan the new EMS Coordinator from Heartland Memorial in Marion addressed the Board about a first responder program in White County. Mr. Carnithan explained that White County in prior years had a first responder program but when the County applied for medical control with Heartland Memorial the first responder language was left out of the document. Mr. Carnithan explained that the first responders needed to be with an agency such as a fire department, ambulance service etc so that they could be apart of medical control. Mr. Carnithan explained that the responsibility of a first responder was to arrive at the scene prior to the ambulance and provide basic first aid until such time as the ambulance could arrive. Mr. Canithan stated that the first responders would carry a bag of supplies that would be inspected by medical control and that the supplies would be replenished by the ambulance service. Vicky Russell stated that the supplies used by the first responders are added to the bill that the Ambulance Service sends to the patient. Mr. Ray and Mr. Trout stated that they needed more information prior to approving first responders being added to the White County Ambulance Service medical control. Mr. Ray asked if Mr. Heckler would be over the first responders. Mr. Carnithan explained no that the first responders would not be part of the ambulance service that they were basically using the ambulance service as an umbrella for medical control. Clerk Dozier explained that she had checked with the liability insurance carrier for the County and that the first responders would be covered under that policy if they stayed within the scope of a first responder which would be basic first aid to the patient until the EMT's arrived. Mr. Ray and Mr. Trout asked if in other County's there were agreements between the first responders and the ambulance service. Mr. Carnithan stated he was unsure, but those Counties could be contacted to see how they manage their first responder program. Chairman Wooten asked that the first responder program be tabled until the August meeting to allow the County Board to do research on how other Counties manage their programs.

Ms. Jo Ellen Seil, Director of the White County Economic Development Board informed the Board that the Enterprise Zone would have expired in 2008, but the State has extended it to 2018. The original resolution that the Board adopted for tax abatements will expire in 2008. Therefore a new resolution needs to be adopted to be able to abate the taxes for White County until 2018. Ms. Seil stated that she was not go to approach the Board unless she had a request that the abatements be extended and Steve Stone has asked that she approach the taxing districts to ask for a ten year abatement extension. Ms. Seil explained that Mr. Stone was in the process of constructing the new Two Tony's building. Mr. Ray asked about extending the Enterprise Zone to the Norris City Area. Ms. Seil stated that there is still acreage left in the enterprise zone and if Norris City has a project then they could look at expanding the enterprise zone at that time. Ms. Seil explained that the State would not agree to expand the zone unless there was a project and it created jobs or retained jobs in the area. Ms. Seil presented the following resolution for consideration of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-05

"A RESOLUTION TO ABATE TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CARM-WHITE COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE"

The White County Board hereby agrees to abate that portion of its taxes on real property located in the Enterprise Zone described as follows:

WHITE COUNTY

Section 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Township 5 South, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

The South $\frac{3}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 5 South Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

The South Half (S/2) of Section 16, Township 5 South, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

The North Half (N/2) of Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

The North Half (N/2) of Section 23, Township 5 South, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

The West Half of the South West Quarter (W/2 SW/4) of Section 8, Township 5 South, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

The South West Quarter of the North West Quarter (SW/4 NW/4) of Section 8, Township 5 South, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

The West $\frac{3}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

The North East Quarter of the North East Quarter of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

The North Half (N/2) of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois.

TRACT A:

Beginning at a point 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods West of the Northeast corner of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Three (3) South, Range Fourteen (14) West of the Second Principal Meridian, thence West 16 rods and 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ links to the Easterly side of the right-of-way of the Cairo, Vincennes & Chicago Railway Company; thence following the Easterly Side of said right-of-way to the South line of the North East Quarter of said Section Twenty-nine (29); thence East 85 rods and 9 links to a point in the Easterly side of the public road; 23 rods and 23 links West of the Southeast corner of the said Northeast Quarter, thence in a Northeasterly direction 26 rods and 3 links To a point in the Southerly side of the public road 10 rods and 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ links north of the said Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-nine (29); thence North 100 rods and 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ links to a point 51 rods South of the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-nine (29); thence west 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods; thence North 51 rods to the place of beginning, containing 67.93 acres, more or less.

ALSO, a part of Fractional Section Twenty-eight (28) described as follows: Beginning at a point 51 rods South the Northwest corner of Fraction Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Three (3) South Range Fourteen (14) West of the Second Principal Meridian, thence South 98 rods and 12 1/4 links to a point in the center of the public road 12 rods and 10 1/4 links North of the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of Fractional Section Twenty-eight (28); thence North 62 degrees 50 minutes East 51 rods to the intersection of the Carmi and Old Ferry Roads; thence North 3 degrees 30 minutes West 76 rods and 5 3/8 links; thence West 16 rods; thence North 1 rod and 18 links; thence West 30 rods and 12 links to the place of beginning, containing 25.487 acres, more or less, White County, Illinois.

TRACT B:

A part of Fractional Section Twenty-eight (28) in Township Three (3) South, Range Fourteen (14) West, described as follows: Beginning at a point 30 rods and 12 links East of a point 51 rods South of the Northwest corner of said Fraction Section Twenty-eight (28) running thence East 16 rods, thence South 1 rod and 18 links; thence West 16 rods, thence North 1 rod and 18 links to the place of beginning.

EXCEPT:

Tract #1: A part of Fractional Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Three (3) South Range Fourteen (14) West of the Second Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois, being described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Said Section Twenty-eight (28), thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes East on an assumed bearing along the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section Twenty-eight (28) a distance of 841.5 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 765.02 feet to the centerline of the existing public road; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds East along the centerline of said public road a distance of 308.70 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds East along said centerline a distance of 543.28 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 23 seconds West a distance of 280.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds West parallel with the centerline of said public road a distance of 280.63 feet to the centerline of said public road and the point of beginning, said excepted tract containing 3.50 acres, more or less.

Tract #2: A part of Fractional Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Three (3) South, Range 14 West of the Second Principal Meridian, White County, Illinois, being described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section Twenty-eight (28); thence South 00 degrees East on an assumed bearing along the West line of said Section Twenty-eight (28), a distance of 51 rods; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 49 seconds East along the existing fence line a distance of 184.38 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning ; thence continuing South 89 degrees 50 minutes 49 seconds East along said fence line a distance of 280.64 feet to the centerline of the existing public road; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds East along said public roadway a distance of 308.70 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 23 seconds West a distance of 280.63 feet to an iron pin; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds West parallel with said public road a distance of 312.19 feet to the point of beginning, said excepted tract containing 2.00 acres, more or less.

Resulting from and increase in assessed valuation which is attributable to the construction of improvements or to the renovation or rehabilitation of existing improvements and subject to the following limitations:

- A. The abatement shall apply only to taxes corresponding to an increase in the assessed valuation after improvement through new construction or renovation or rehabilitation which have been duly assessed and said abatement shall not exceed the amount attributable to the construction of the improvements and renovation or rehabilitation of existing improvements.
- B. The abatement shall pertain only to that parcel within the Enterprise zone which has been improved after the designation of the Enterprise Zone.
- C. The abatement for a particular project shall be in effect for the period of time commencing with the first tax year after the improvement is made and will end at the lesser of 10 years or at the expiration of the enterprise zone in tax year 2018. The abatement shall be 100%.
- D. The abatement is only for improvements, the nature and scope of which building permits are required and have been obtained.

- E. While the abatement is in effect, this proper taxing authority will continue to receive all taxes corresponding to the equalized assessed valuation for the tax year immediately proceeding the commencement of the project.

DATED this 12th day of July 2005.

White County Board

By: Ron Wooten
Chairman

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier
County Clerk

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to adopt the resolution allowing White County to abate their portion of the real estate taxes on new construction or improvements made to existing structures in the Carmi/White County Enterprise Zone for ten years or until the expiration of the Enterprise Zone in 2018 in the amount of 100%. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Mike Ray a member of the County's insurance committee addressed the Board about the renewal premium for Blue Cross/Blue Shield hospitalization insurance that will renew on August 1, 2005. Mr. Ray explained that the new renewal rate is around 28 per cent higher than last year's premium. Chairman Wooten stated that it would cost the County an additional \$76,000.00 a year in premiums at a time when the County is strapped financially. Mr. Ray stated that the County has been very fortunate up until this point because in 2002 there was only a 1 per cent increase and in 03 a 3 per cent increase and in 04 a 4.8 percent increase. Mr. Ray stated that our claims history was not great in 2005 and therefore, the premium has been increased by almost 28%. Mr. Wooten stated that the original increase was almost 48%, but our agent of record, Mark Kelly was able to negotiate with Blue Cross/Blue Shield to lower that to a 28% increase. Mr. Ray stated that the insurance consultant and Mark Kelly are researching all the possible avenues to try and lower the cost and one of those possibilities was to submit applications to other carriers. Mr. Ray stated that other carriers have declined to give a quote. Chairman Wooten stated that the insurance committee would be meeting with Mark Kelly on Wednesday to discuss options and then would also have to meet with the union representatives to discuss any possible changes to be made to the insurance coverage.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the reappointment of Jeanne Gossett to the White County Ethics Commission for a three- year term. Mr. Ray made a motion to reappoint Jeanne Gossett to a three-year term on the Ethics Commission, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ambulance personnel. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next county board meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. unless the Board would have to call a special meeting to deal with the insurance.

Mr. Ray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.